Criteria for fixing Price Index on Drugs

688. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 265 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1985 and state:

(a) What were the prices of each of the twelve bulk drugs in 1970-71 which constitute the basket on which the price index is based;

(b) What were the prices of formulations based on each of these drugs in 1970-71;

(c) what was the mark up allowed on the formulations on each drug under Drugs Price Control Order; 1970;

(d) how many of these drugs are under existing Drugs Price Control Order alongwith their names and what is the price fixed by Government for each drug.

(e) how much mark up is allowed on formulations based on each drug as per existing price control order and what are the prices fixed by Government for formulations based on each drug.

(f) whether it is a fact that neither Sodium Salicylate and Benzle Procaine Penicillines are produced nor used; and

(g) if so, how price-index can be justified?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) (a) to (g) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Amendment in the Indian Divorce Act

689. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to make suitable amendments in the Indian Divorce Act of 1869 in order to keep pace with changing times; and

(b) if so, what are the details to this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a), No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of Rehydration Salts

690. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total sales turnover of rehydration salt in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these salts are used very commonly specially by the children;

(c) whether it is a fact that these salts are sold at very high prices;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the manufacturers are not marketing as per W.H.O. formula;

(e) if so, what steps Government are taking to make the drugs of standard quantity available at reasonable prices;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Government propose to remove rehydration salts form price control; and

(g) if so, on what basis such a decision is being taken?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Trade sale of rehydration salt during the year ending May, 1985 was Rs. 819.66 lakhs.

(b) These are used whenever symptoms of dehydration arise.